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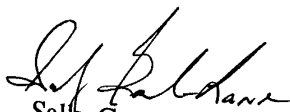
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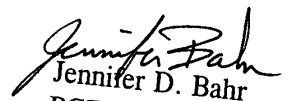
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Dear Mr. Conger,

This is in response to your letter received 17 September 1998 inquiring about the status of of the U.S. national stage filing of PCT/EP95/02722 which has been assigned U.S. application number 08/793,966. Accordingly to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed applicant a NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT(FORM PCT/DO/EO/909) on 02 January 1998 and application number 08/793,966 is now abandoned. A copy of the 02 January 1998 NOTIFICATION is attached to this communication.

  
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